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## PREFACE.

Tofurnish the young Student in Vocal Music, with the leading principles of the art; to assist him in reducing these principles to practice; and to introduce among practical Musicians, an uniformity in taste and style of performance, are the principal objects contemplated in this publication.

The human mind is so constituted, that in its pursuit of knowledge, it must proceed by steps that are regularly progressive, from the simplest principles to those that are more complex and difficult. This consideration induced the compiler to adopt the plan of instruction pursued in the following work.

The rudiments, which have been carefully compiled from the most approved authors, are set in small type, except such portion as was deemed necessary for the student to commit to memory.

The practical lessons commence with the simplest phrases and sections of melody, and gradually proceed to those that are more difficult, until the scholar is at length conducted through the different varieties and movements of time, the intricacies of modulation, transposition of keys, \&ac. that he will be likely to meet with in his future progress.

The present edition is also furnished with a few additional pages, on the subject of Chromatic Intervals; and though the work is not designed to convey a knowledge of harmony, yet the leading principles of Modulation are as far developed as was deemed necessary for the convenience of learners and practical Musicians. The phrases and sections of Melody are numbered for the purpose of seperate reading; and, with few exceptions, are regularly set in score.

To render the work more interesting, the Lessons are occasionally diversified with entire pieces of music, and extracts from some of the most eminent classic authors. And though principally designed for the use of schools, the work, it is believed, may be easily read by such as cannot avail themselves of the assistanoe of an instructor.

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## RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC.

## CHAPTER I.

## Of the Staff,* Clef, $\mathcal{E}^{2} c$.

MUSIC is written on and between parallel lines, five of which constitute a STAFF.


The lines and spaces of the staff are called Degrees:
When notes exceed the limits of the Staff, Ledger Lines are added.
The Degrees of the Staff and their appropriate sounds are named from the first seven letters of the alphabet; and their names are determined by the Clefs, of which there are three in general use: the


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\mathrm{C} \text {, and }
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The F Clef is used for Base, the G for Treble, and the $\mathbf{C}$ for Counter, Tenor, \&C.

The $\mathbf{G}$ Clef, however, is often used for Tenor, Counter, \&c. and the C Clef sometimes occurs in the Base and Treble.
-Treble, Tenor, \&c.



1st space, called
Ledger line,


5th line,
5th space,
4th line,--Clef-
 3d space,


2d spáce,


1st space, called

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Clefs originally were letters :-at present they are the representatives of letters, and are aiways placed on some one of the lines of the Staff. The relative situation of the letters in naming the degrees of the Staff", is always the same; i. e. $\mathbf{A}$ is next to $\mathbf{B}, \mathrm{B}$ is next to C , \&c. and a Clet, by fixing the place of some one of the letters, gites a consequebt determination to the rest. The F Clef is usually placed on the fourth line, and the $G$ on the second. The $\mathbf{C}$ Clef, as represented in the preceding diagram, is less fixed with respect to its position, being used on any one of the lines of the staff, but that line on which it is found, is always $\mathbf{C}$; and the notes or sounds that are appropriated to it, are unisons, (i. e. The same in pitch, gravity or acuteness) with those on the Ledger Line between the Base and Treble.

The highest musical sounds are called Treble, and the lowest Base. The highest Base, and the lowest Treble sounds belong properly to the CClef. When, however, the G Clef is used for Teumr, Counter, \&cc. its intervals, or sounds, are to be reckoned eight degrees lower than in the preceding diagram.

## CHAPTER II.

## Of Solmization, or Singing by Note.

IN the practice of Solmization, the syllables in most common use are mi, fazw, sol, lazw. In a scale of Natural* notes, the srllable mi is appronriated to B; but it may be removed to any other letter of the Staff by means of Flats or Sharps set at the beginning of a tune, which in this situation are called a Signature.


The situation of the syllable mi may be further learned from the following table,
The natural place of $m i$ is B ; but if a Flat be placed on B , or

| If $\mathbf{B}$ be $\mathbf{F l a t}$, mi is removed to | $\mathbf{E}$ | If $\mathbf{F}$ be sharp, mi is removed to |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{E}$, | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{F}$ |  |
| $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{A}$, | $\mathbf{F}$ | $\mathbf{C}$ |  |
| $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{C}$, | $\mathbf{C}$, | $\mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{G}$, | $\mathbf{D}$ |

Other Signatures than these are seldom uised, except in ancient compositions. See Chap. VII, p.16,
When the piace of mi is found, that of the other syliables is easily a certained; for, if in proceeding from the place of $m i$, the lines and spaces are taken in regular succession, the result will always be as follows :-

In ascending from mi, the syllables $f a w$, sol, law, occur twice; and in descending, the series by inversion becomes twice law, sol, faw.

faw, sol, law, faw, sol, law, mi, faw, sol, law, faw, sol, law, mi, faw, sol, law, faw, sol, law, mi.

[^1]
mi, law, sol, faw, law sol, aw, mi, law, sol, faw, law, sol, faw, mi, law, sol, faw, law, sol, faw, mi.
A scale of gradual sounds like the foregoing, is naturally divided into Octaves, Tones, and Semitones. An (Jetave consists of eis.rt sounds or degrees, as fion C to $\mathrm{C} . \mathrm{D}$ to D , \&.e. and as the eighth sound in the series is aiso the commencement of another Octave, perfectly sinilar in its melody, seven letters only, with the addition of the first on the eighth degree, are uaed for its designation; 2
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { C, D, E. F, F, G, A, B, B, C. } \\
& 1 s^{t}, 2 \mathrm{l}, 3 \mathrm{~d}, 4 \mathrm{~h}, 5 \mathrm{~h}, 6 \mathrm{~h}, 7 \mathrm{~h}, 8 \mathrm{th} .
\end{aligned}
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All the Diatonic* degrees of an Octave, except two, are Tones. The upper term of the two Semitones is marked bi the syllable faw : i e. the intervals between $m i$ and $f i z u$, and lazo and faz, are Sem. jtones; while those between faw and sol, sol and law, and law and mi, are tones.
In a scale of natural notes, the senitones are situated between the letters $\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{F}$ and $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}$; but by means of Flats and Sharps, either as S.gnatures or accidentalis, the two semitones may be removed at the pleasure of the composer.

Flat Signatures require the notes affected by them to be suncr half a tone lower than their natural sounds: and Sharp signatures half a tone higher : but instead of maltiplying semitones in the melody of an Uctave, the Signatures merely change the places of them; and a correspondent removal of the $m i$, with its attendant syllables provides against the difficulty of vocal monation. See Chapter VII, p. 16.
Flats and Sharps, at the beginning of a pere of music, have influence to the end of it, unless their effect is destroyed by a natural.


Flats, Sharps and Naturals, occurring in the course of a movement, are deuominated tccidentals.

A flat set before a note depresses it half a tone.
A sharp, before a note, raises it half a tone.
A Natual set before a note previously made Flat or Sharp, restores it to its natural or primitive sound.
Accidentals affect the notes they immediately precede; and all those of the same letter which occur in the same measure; and when one measure ends and the next begins with the same letter, the intervening bar is not uncierstood to destroy the efiect of the accidental, until a note of some other letter is taken.
In music that is written with an accompaniment for keyed instruments, it sometimes happens that Accidentals appear irregular in the single parts of the score, $t$ as when the flat precedes the syllable faw, the shary, the syllable mi, or the Natural, a note which had not before been affected either by the Signature, or any Accilental. But these though convenient to the organist, who plays at once the whole harmony, are not to be regarded by the singer in the practice of Solmization; for it is evident from a consideration of the nature of tones and semitones, that mi, if sharped, would be equivalent to furw-fuzo if flatted would be in unison with mi, de. Instances of this nature frequently occur in the Lock Hospital Collection. The Naturals that appear on $\mathbf{G}$ and $\mathbf{A}$, in the fifth and sixth measures of the Base of Doct. Amold's Cheahunt, have nothing in the same Staff to contradict, though they remind the organist that the Sharps which liad previously occurred on those letters in the Second Treble, are to be discontinued.
But when Accidentals appear regular, as when fazo or sol are sharped, or $m i$ \&c. flatted, the case is quite different-they are by no means to be disregarded by the vocal performer. By a neglect of these, many of the finest passages in melorly, would be robbed of all their sweetness and expression.

For the purpose of securing and facilitating correct intonation, it has long been customary in the best

[^2]European schools, to change the names of such notes as are affected by Accidentals. In general, when notes are to be raised by accidentals the syllables appropriated to them may be altered by adding to their initials the letter $i$, in imitation of the syllable mi. When Accidentals are designed to depress or lower sounds, the syllable faw may be used. Or in other words-

When faw, sol, \&c. are sharned, they may be called $f$, si, \&c. (pronounced fee and see, and when mi is flatted it mar be called faw. When the effect of Naturals is to elevate notes, their appropriated syllables may be altered as in the case of Sharos; but when they are to depress them, the syllable faw may be used. See Practical Lessons.

Another method of producing correct intonation where accidentals are used, is to consider and treat then as occasional changes of Signature ; thus, if in a tune whose original signature is B flat, the $\mathbf{E}$ becomes flat by an accidental, the Signature for the time being, may be considered as consisting of twg flats, and the $m i$ transferred to $\mathbf{A}$. When an Accidental $\mathbf{C}$ Sharp occurs after the Signature of one Sharp, the mi, while the Accidental continues, may be removed to C, \&c.

The judicious teacher will trequently avail himself of this method of procedure, in illustrating to his pupils, the nature and importance of Modulation. See Practical Lessons, also Chap. VII.

## CHAPTER III.

## Of Notes and Rests.

NOTES are the representatives of musical sounds.
Their pitch, as we have alrealy seen, depends on their situation in the staff, \&c. Their proportional length of time, is known principally from their shape.

Rests are marks of silence. The Notes and Rests in most common use are the following.


To these may be added, with their corresponcent rests, the Breve, which is little used except in ancient compositicns, and the modern demiquaver.


In length of time, the Semibreve equals two Minims, four Crotchets, eight Quavers, sixteen Stmiquavers, or thirty two Demisemiquavers. The Minim therefore, has half the time of a Semibreve, the Crotchet, half that of the Minim, \&c.

The Breve has twice the time of a Semibreve, and the Demiquaver has half that of the Demisemiquaver.
Rests require a silence of the same length of time as is given to the notes whose names they bear.

The inieve and Semibreve rests are an exception to this rule, as the one is always a rest of two measures, and the other a rest of one measure. See the next Chapter. Th Breve and Semibreve reste ar:- also sonetimes joined together in such a manner as to requive the silence of a single voice or
instrument for a whole strain or movement.


The time of notes is also varied by the following characters.


A point at the right hand of a note or rest, adds one half to its length of time. A pointed semibreve is consequently equal to three minims, a pointed minim equals three crotchets, \&cc. Pointed Notes.


A note is sometimes twice pointed, by which means an addition of three quarters is given to its usual length. A minim thus pointed, has the time of three crotchets and a half, or seven quavers.


The Figure three diminishes the time of any three Notes to that of two of the same denomination.
When the time is sufficiently obvious, from the manner in which the notes are grouped, the figure is
omitted as at $a, b, c$.


Marks of Distinction are placed over such notes as are to be performed with unusual distinctness or brevity.

They may be exemplified thus:


The Pause or Hold, leaves the time of a note or rest to be augmented at the pleasure of the performer.

It is also used in ancient psalmody at the end of a line of poetry : and in airs that end in a repetition of a part or whole of the first strain of their movement, to mark the final close.
When found ou the last note but one, of a melody or air, the Pcuse is a sign for the vocal or instrumental solo-performer, to introduce such extemporary passages previous to die final close as are term¢̧ a Cadenza.

## CHAPTER IV.

## Of Time, with respect to the Measures.

EVERY movement in a piece of music is divided by the Single Bar, into equal portions of time. These portions are called Measures.


Time, with respect to the measures of music, is divided into three species; Conmon, Triple and Compound.
In each of these species there are three principal varieties, which are distinguished by appropriate signs.
Little is known from the signs, with respect to the general slowness or rapidity of the movement: as this depends chiefly on the nature and resign of the composition. In vocal music, whether sacred or secular, the character of the words sung, and in instrumental music, the title of the piece, such as March, Minuet gigue, Waltz, \&c. are generally sufficient indication of the slowness or rapidity required. All the characters or signs that mark the varieties of time, except the semicircles, are figures. The
semicircle represents the semibreve, while the figures represent fractional parts of it, thas, $\frac{0}{4}$ rep
 three quavers.

In Common time, the first variety is designated by the Semicircle, the second by the barred semicircle, and the third by the Figures $\frac{\overline{2}}{4}$

Common Trme.



3d variety.


The first variety has for each measure the value of a semibreve, which is usually sung in the time of four beats.

The second variety has the same measure as the first, but it seldom requires more than two beats.

The third variety has a minim for its measure, which also requires two beats.
Triple 'Time,
Is designated by the characters


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\text { 1st variety, } \quad 2 \mathrm{~d} \text { variety, }
$$



The first of these varieties has three minims for a measure, the second has three crotchets, and the third, three quavers.
Each of these varieties requires three beats in a measure.
Compound Time,
Is designated by the characters $\frac{\overline{6}}{4} \frac{\overline{6}}{\frac{6}{8}}$


3d variety.


The first variety has six crotchets, and the second six quavers for a measure; and they require either six beats when performed slow, or two, when performed with rapidity.
The third variety has for its measure, twelve quavers, which usually require four beats.
To these may be added $\frac{9}{8}$ Nine
Quavers, -9
16 Nine
Semiquavers: but they seldom occurir exeept in instrumental music.

Common Time is called equal, because its measures are naturally divided into equal parts, as in notes of equal length we count two, four, eight, sixteen, \&c. in a measure. Triple Time, on the other hand, is called unequal, because its measures are naturally divided into unequal parts. Compound Time is formed by the union of two or more measures of Triple Time, which union is effeeted by the omission of the single bar.

## CHAPTER V.

## Of Beating Time, Accent, Syncopation, Eic.

IN beating time, the hand should always fall on the first part of the meas ure, and rise on the last.
When the measure reguires four motions, the hand should fall and rise twice. In a measure of triple time, the hand has two motions downwards, before it rises.
In the following examples the dozonzoard motion is represented by the letter $d$, and the rising, by the letter $r$.

## Common Time.



## 3d variety.



Triple Time.


3d variety:


Compound Time, when performed slow, should be beaten as if divided into simple triple time, by the single bar; but when performed quick, one motion takes the place of three, as in the following examples.


As the measures of a morement contain equal portions of time; so the hand in beating, should rise and fall in equal intervals of time, unless express directions are given to the contrary by the composer.

Accent is a stress of voice which takes place on what are termed the strong parts of the measure. The Unaccented are termed weak parts of the measure.

The Accent, in Common Time, falls on the first and third parts of the measure : and in Triple 'Time there is a full accent on the first, and in notes of equal length, a subordinate one on the last part of the measuve.

When the movement is performed slow, the measures may contain a greater number of Accents; but they take place in the same proportion on the first; third, fifth and seventh quavers, \&c.

A Semibreve, Minim, or any pointed note, though continued during the time of several Accents, requires in general but one.

The principal Accent in Common or Triple Time, takes place where the hand falls, at the beginning of a Measure.
In the following examples, the letters A and a, mark the principal and subordinate Accents; and the unaccented parts of the measure are represented by the letter $u$.

## Common Time.




Triple Time.



Compound Time, when the movement is slow, is accented like the simple measures of Triple Time, into which it may be divided.
When there are but two beats required in a measure, there is ustaliy but one principal aecent: In vocal music, however, much depends on the character of the wotds sung.

## Compound Time.



Compound Time is very similar in melody to the simple Triple Time, of which it is composed. An auditor while listeniug to a performance, cannot always teil whether the Triple Time he hears Le
 spects applicable to Common Time, as an auditor, while listening, cannot always determine in which of the three varieties the piece is written. In Cornmon ppalmody, however, the slowest movements are generally written in Semibreves and Minins, while those that are more rapid, are writiten in Crotchets, Quavers, \&c. Where the time of a movement would otherwise be doubiful, we often find the words Largo, Adagio, Andante, Allegro, Presto, Ejc. Sic. which dencte different degrees of slowhess or rapidity. See Dictionary of Jiusieal Terms.

Notes of Syncopation are such begin on the weak, and end on the stroticis parts of the measure.

They senerally require the Accent.


Another variation of the Accent necasionally takes place in vocal music, where a line of poetry coaksists of dissimilar feet. The following melody when sung to the words-
"With pit'ying eye the Prince of Grace," would require the regular accent: but when the line-
"Plūng’d ĭn ă gūlph ŏf dãrk dĕspảire,"
is given to it, the accent may be thus varied.


In common psalmody, where the same tune is sung in different words, this variation will often be found necessary.
The accent in instrumental music is subject to some variation in its position : but this is easily aso certained by the order of the notes, or by the groups or slura.

## CHAPTER VI.

## Of the remaining Musical Characters.

$T$HE Characters that yet remain to be described, are the following;

$\square$ to which nay be added the Graces and Abbreviationa.

The Brace shows how many parts are to be performed together: as Air, Tenor, Base, \&c.
'The Double Bar desirnates the end of a strain, or musical period.
A Direct points out the place of the note immediately following it in a succeeding Staff.

Of Cheosing Notes, any one may be sung.
In modern Music, it often happens that two or more distinct parts of a score are written together, an the same Staff, in the manner of Choosing Notes. See Practical Lessons.

The Repeat shows what part of a tune is to be sung twice in immediate sucoession.

The same character is sometimes used to denote the repetition of a word or phrase The figures 1,2 , at the close of a repeated passage, denote that the notes under figure 1 , are to be sung beiore repeating, and those under figure 2, at the close of the repetition. Theise are now more generally written 1 st time and $2 d$ time.

## A Slur connects, in vocal music, such notes as belong to one syllable.

Quavers, Semiquavers, dec. when connected by their hooks, are to be sung as if slurred: and in this situation they are said to be grouped.

The Slur, in Instrumental Music, is drawn over such notes as are to be played in a smooth and cannected manner. When it is placed over two distinct notes, the second note should generally be made shorter than its proper length.

The $S$ well, requires a gradual increase in loudness of yoice.
The Diminish requires a gradual dminution of voice.
The most important Graces in melody are the Appoggiatures and After-Notes.
Appoggiatures borrow their time from the notes which immmediately follow them : thus-

Wrtten.

## Sung.



After-Notes, on the contrary, borrow their time from the notes which immediately precede them.


From these examples, it appears that the Appgriatures and After-Notes diminish the time of the note to which they are attached, exactly in proportion to their own proper length, except that the Appoggiature, when it precedes a pointed note, assumes twice its nominal value.*
The principal reasons why these are not always writtei, (as they easily might be,) in common notes, are to be found in the theoretical writers, on the practice of Thorough-Base.

It is much to be regretted that Appoggiatures and After-Notes are in general so little understoood by vocal performers; for, in modern music, they are often more necessary to the sweetness and expression of a melody, than the notes to which they are attached. This subject will be further explained in the Practical Lessons.

The other Graces of melody, such as the Shake, T'urn, Beat, Mordent, Slide, Spring, Eic. Ec. are so difficult of execution, and of so little use in Psalmody, that we shall dismiss them tor the pres. ent, without further ceremony.
The Abbreviations in most common ūe, are the following.


These are principally confined to Instrumental Music.

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## CHAPTER VII.

## Of Major and Minor Scales, Keys, Transpositions, Modulation, E'c.

THE Melody or Tune of an Octave, depends on the situation of its two Diatonic Semitones. See Chapter II. Wihen these are situated, the one between the third and fourth, and the other between the seventh and eighth degrees of any octave, the first degree of that octave is called a Key. Jote; and the whole scale of notes, whether high or low, that stand connected with it, are said to be in the major mode of that key.

The commencing note of an Octave is also a key-note, when the semitones are situated between the second and third, and fifth and sixth degrees of that octave, and the scale is then said to be in the minor rrode.

Is a scale of Natural notes, the semitones being between E-F and B-C : the only series that is found to be in a Major Mode, is that which commences with $\mathbf{C}$ : as in the following example, where the situation of the two Diatonic semitones is represented by the Slurs.


But as by the use of flats and sharps, the semitones may be removed at pleasure, it follows that the seat of the major scale may also be removed from $\mathbf{C}$ to any other letter of the Staff.

## Examples.

## MAJOR SCALES BY FLATS.

MAJOR SCALES BY SHARPS.
Key of F, by 1 Flat.
Key of G, by 1 Sharp.


Degrees. 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th.
1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th.


Key of Eb by 3 Flats.
Key of A by 3 Sharps.


Deg's. 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th.
1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th.
Key of Ab by 4 Flats.
Key of E by 4 Sharps.


Deg's. 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th.
1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th.
Though, in the preceding examples, the flats and sharps are placed in the manner of accidentals; they might, with equal propriety, have been set together at the clef, as signatures, thus :-

Flat Signatures.


To these signatures may be added the following, which, however, from the perplexity they occasion to the instrumental performer, are seldom used.


The Octave, then, as may be inferred from the preeeding observations, can be divided by flats anci sharps into thirteen semitones, each of which may become a Key-note; bat as the thirteenth is in eff. fect, but a repetition of the first, there are in reality but twelve different pitches, or keys, and thesc are situated as follows :-



This is called the Chromatic Scale; but it must be recollected that when any one of these semitones is constituted a key, either by its required signature or by accidentals, the melody of its scale is still Diatonic.*

When the same melody is written on different degrees of the staff, either by means of signatures of accidentals, it is said to be transposed.


Transposition,
By Signature.
By Accidentals.


But when in the course of a movement the key is removed by accidentals, such change of key is termed Modulation. We must, however, defer the consideration of this subject until we shall have more fully explained the minor mode.

The difference between the major and minor modes, with respect to the situation of the two diatonic semitones, has been already explained: but this difference will be more distinctly seen in the following example, where the same letter is made the key of both scales.


But in all regular compositions, the seventh, and generally the sixth degrees of a minor scale, ast cending, are sharped by accidentals. The ascendiing minor scale, then, when furnished with its required accidentals, differs nothing in its melody from the major, except in its third d. gree.


But the seventh and sixth degrees of the minor scale, when descending, are not necessarily sharped,
The following exhibit both the ascending and descending minor scale, with the syllables required in solmization.

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In a scale of natural notes, the only series that is found to be in the minor mode, is that which com. mences with A, as represented above: but the minor mode, like that of the major, may be given, by means of signatures or accidentals, to any one of the twelve pitches of the chromatic scale. And, as in a scale of natural notes, the key of the minor mode is situated two degrees below that of the major; it will also be found the same distance below it in all its changes of signature, thus :


In modern music, the last base note of every piece of regular composition, is one of the two prineipal key-notes that are proper to that signature in which the piece is composed; i . e. in the natural scale, the key is either C or A:-in that of one flat, it is either F or D, \&e. as represented in the above example. And in the practice of solmization, the principal major key is called faw, and the principal minor, lazu.

But to trace with minuteness those changes of key which take place in Modulation, would be a task inconsistent with our present limits. Nor is a perfect knowledge of Modulation requisite to a mere performer, provided he understand the principles of Solmization, and successfully reduce them to practice. See Practical Lessons, from page 75 to the end.
A few remarks and examples shall, however, be subjoined.
1st. When accidentals occur the first enquiry is, whether they can be added to the signature: as explained in Chap. If. page 8th. When this can be done, the key may be found as in transpositions: thus-

## Modulation by Flats.



Modulation by Sharps.


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## Modulation by Naturals.



2d. But if any accidentals, when added to the Signature, would make an irregular appearance, as thus-

it is certain that the minor moáe prevails; and when these accidentals have the effect of elevating notes, the key is situated on the next degree above them.


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3d. When two adjoining letters, such as $B C, C D, A B, \& c$. are elevated by accidentals, the scale is generally Minor; and the key is situated one degree above the highest of the two Accidentals.


These are nothing but the accidentals required in the Ascending Minor Scale.
4th. When Accidentals that cannot be added to the Signature have the effect of depressing notes; as thus-

the key is not removed, but the seale is changed from that of Major to Minor.
Changefrom G Major to G Minor. Change from A Major to A Minori.


Those who wish for further information on this subject, will find it more fully explained in Koll. thann's Essay on ILsmony, and Callcott's . Wusical Grammar.

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When tise voice is stfficiently tuned to the melody of the Diatonic Major and Minor Scales; som of the most common Chromatic intervals may be attempted, in a manner similar to the following, where different syllables are applied to the same phrases in Melody.

law, $f i$, sol, fazv, law, $f$, , sol, fazv, law. sol, $f$, sol, law, sol, faw, mi, faw, fazv, law, mi, faw. law, mi, faw, fazo, law, mi,faw, fazv, law law, si, law mi, law, sol, $f$, , sol, fazv, law, $f$, sol.


Passages of Harmony like the following, may also be occasionally introduced, as exeroises for the roice.


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## DICTIONARY OF MUSICAL TERMS.

Adagio-with a slow movement. This term geuerally indicates the second degree of slowness, though it is sometimes considered as synonymous with Largo, Grave, Gravemente.
Ad 'ibitum-at pleasure.
$\mathcal{A f f}$ ituoso- $\}$ in a style of execution adapted to Amoroso- $\}$ express affection, tenderness and 3upplication.
Air-the leading part, or melody.
Allegro - brisk and sprightly movement.
Allegretto-less quick than Allegro.
Alto - Counter, or high Tenor.
Andante-with distinctness. As a mark of time, it implies a mediu:n between the Adagio and Allegro movements.
An:Iantino-quieker than Andante.
Anthem-a musieal composition set to sacred prose.
A tempo-in time.
Bis-this term denotes a repetition of a passage in Music:
Canon-(See Practical Lessons )
Cantata-a composition consisting of Solos, Duetts, Choruses, \&c. set in the Dramatic style. In sacred music, it forms a medium between the Anthem and Oratorio.
Cantabile-a term applied to such movements as require an elegant, graceful, and melodious style of performance.
Canto-song; or in choral compositions, the leading melodj.
Canto fermo-plain song.
Chorus-a composition designated for a full choir.
Chromatic - a term given to accidental semitones. (See page 17th.)
Con-with.
Confuria-with boldness.
Concertante-signifies that two or more parts of a harmony, are alternately engaged in the execution of the subject, while the other parts are only accompanying.
Crescentlo, Cres. or <-with an increasing sound.
Con :pirito-with spirit.
Da Capo, or D. C.-close with the first strain.
Del Segno-from the sign.
Diatonic-(See marginal note at page 7th.)
Diminuendo, Dim. or $>$-with a decreasing sound.
Dirge-a piece composed for funeral occasions.
Divoto-in a solemn and devout manner.
Dominant-a note standing a fifth above, or fourth below the Tonic.
Duet or or Duett-a piece of music, consisting of two parts.
Expression-that quality in a composition, from which we receive a kind of sentimental appeal o our feelings.
Expressivo-with expression.
Forte-strong and full.
Fortissimn-very loud.
$\boldsymbol{F}_{n}$ uge-(See Practical Lessons.)
$\xrightarrow[\text { Grave-mente- }]{\boldsymbol{G} \text { _ }}$ (See Adagio.)
Grazioso-graceful: a smooth and gentle style of execution, approaching to piano.
Harmony-an agreeable combination of musical sounds, or different melodies, performed at the sarte time.
Inte .lude-an instrumental passage introduced between two yocal passages.
Interval-a musical sound. Also the distance between any two sounds, either in harmony or melody.
Largo-the slowest degree of morement. A quaver in Largo, equals a minim in Presto.
Lurghetto-quicker than Largo.

Leading-Note-the major seventh above, o: fine minor second or semitone below the Tonic.
$\underset{\text { Lento- }}{\text { Lentemente—— }}\}$ slow.
Mu-not.
Ma non troppo-not too much : not in excess.
Ma stoso-with fulness of tone, and grandeur of expression.
Mediant-the third above, or sixth below the tonic.
Melody-an agreeable succession of sounds.
Men-less.
Mezza voce-with a medium fulness of tone.
.Moderato-between andante and allegro.
Volto-much.
Non-not.
Non troppo presto-not too quick.
Oratorio-a species of Musical Drama, consisting of airs, recitatives, duetts, trios, choruses, \&c.
Overture-in dramatic music, is an instumental straiu, which introluces the succeding subject.
Orchestra-the place, or band of musical performers.
Pastorale-a composition generally written in measures of $6-4$, or $6-8$, the style of which is soothing, tender apd delicate.
Piano or Pia-soft.
Panissimo or Pianiss-very soft.
Poco-little, somewhat.
Pomposo---a style, grand and dignified.
Presto-quick.
Prestissimo-very quick.
Quartetto-a composition consisting of four parts, in which each part is concertante.
Quintetto-music composed in five parts, in which each part is concertante.
Recitative-a sort of strle resembling speaking.
Rippienno--full.
[' ryan.
Senza-without; as 乞enza Organa-without the
Siciliano-a composition written in measures of $6-4$ or $6-8$, to be performed in a slow and graceful manner.
Soare-Agreeable, pleasing.
Soto Voce Dolci--with sweetness of tone.
Spirituoso-with spirit.
Solo-a composition designed for a single voice or instrument. Vocal solos, duets, \&ce. in modern music, are usually aecompanied with instruments.
Subrclominant - --a fourth above, or fifth below the tonic.
Submediant--a sixth above, or third below the tonic.
Suportonic---the second above, or seventh below the tonic.
Subito--4uiek.
Symphony--a passage to be executed by instruments, while the voeal performers are silent.
Tacit--be silent.
Tardo--slowly.
Tasto--as a musical term, implies "one of the keys of an organ, piano forte, or harpsichord." Combined with the Solo, it implies that the instrumental base continues on a partcular note, while the other parts move in unison through the consonances and dissonances in that pitch.
Tonic-a termnearly synonymous with key-note.
Transposition-(See Chap. VII. of the rudiments.
Trio---a composition of chree parts.
Tutti--all, or all together.
Veloce---quick.
Vigoroso--wwith energy.
Vite--a lively and spirited style of performance.
Vivace--in a brisk and lively manner.
Volti--turn over.

## PRACTICAL LESSONS.

## LESSON 1.

Consisting of Minims, in the second Variety of Common Time. The hand falls on the first note in a measure. See Chafiters $1 V$, and $V$.



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LESSON II.
Crotchets in the first Variety of Common Time. The hand falls on the first and third Crotchets.


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LESSON III.
Hymns, Psalms, \&cc. in Notes of equal length
Pilgrims' Hymn.


1. Children of the heav'nly King,
2. Ye are trav'ling home to God,

Base.
As ye journey, sweetly sing;
In the way your fathers trod;
9.

10.

Sing your Saviour's worthy praise, They are happy now, and ye
11.
$\begin{cases}\text { =-1 } \\ \text { Sing your Saviour's worthy praise }\end{cases}$

Glorious in his works and ways. Soon their hap - pi - ness shall see.
11.


* See p. 14, article Choosing. Votes.


## Hymn 210th, L. M. <br> An Ancient Grerman Air:



Eightyfourth, C. M.
German.


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\text { Great God at . - tend while } \mathbf{Z i} \text { - on sings, The joy that }
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Tenor.
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from thy presence springs: To spend one day with thee on

earth, Ex - ceeds a thou - sand days of mirth.
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## Canterbury, C. M.

Germati Air, 2d. Treble and Alto.

| Great | is the Lord, his works of might |
| :--- | :--- |
| Base. |  |
| Ge.... |  |




## LESSON IV.

Crotchets, Minims and Quavers, in Common Time.


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New 50th, C. M.

 names is glery due. Thy pow'r and grace, thy truth and justice claim, Im-

[^6] mortal honors to thy sov'reign name. Shine thro' the earth from heav'n thy blest a-




Darwell's, H. M.

> Darwell.
 Ye tribes of Adam join With heav'n and earth and seas, And 2d Treble.


 offer notes di - - vine To your Cre - - a - tor's praise. Ye



Aldridge, C. M,
H. Sacra.


When I with pleasing wonder stand, And




 own thy hand That built my hum - ble elay. That built, \&c.


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Savannah, C. M.
H. Sacra.


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## LESSON V.

> Triple Time.
> Semibreves, Minims, Crotchets and Quavers.


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F Natural.


F Natural.



St. Michael's, C. M. A Hymn. Air by Tallis.


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broad His wonderful name; The name all vic - torious of


| loud, And honor | the | Son: | Our | Je-sus's |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| pow'r, And wision |  |  |  |  | and might; The




Jesus ex - - tol; His kingdom is glorious And rules over all.


Second Variety.
The Minim here requires two beats, the Crotchet one, and the Quaveri, half a beat. The movement and accent are similar to those in the first variety,

Italy, L. M. D.


 mine, Ex - ceeds the blessings of the vine. On thee th'a-


name; That oil of gladness and of grace, Draws vir - gin



## LESSON VI.

Colmmon Time in Pointed Notes.
In the following examples, this character $\sim \sim$ shows in Crotchets, the value of a pointed Minim.





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The same melody in the different varietics of Common Tine.

## Example I.

Air.



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## Example II.

Here the pointed Crotchet and the Quaver, require the same proportion in length of time, as was given to the pointed Minim and the Crotchet in the preceding example.


This last example should first be practiced with four beats in a measure, until it becomes familiar ; and then by quiekening the movement, it may be performed with two beats, by which means the melody will be the same as in the following example. See Chapter V.

Example IiI.



Example IV.
Two measures in this, are equal to one in Example IIt.


If the term Largo, Grave, or Gravemente, be added to the two last examples, they will then require double the number of beats in a measure; and the movement will be similar to that of the 1st and 2 d examples.

## LESSON VII.

> Psalms, Hymns, \&xc.

Reading, C. M.
H. Sactia
 My God the spring of ail my joys, The life of my de - lights, Tenor.



# TOPThe glory of my brightest days And comfort of my nights:  <br>  

Munich, A Hymn.

German.


[^7]Happy the Land.-A Pastoral Glee.

 stones,

And daughters, \&c.



2 Happy the land, in culture dress'd,
Whose flocks and corn have large increase ;
Whose men securely work or rest,
Nor sons of plunder break their peace,

3 Happy the land when thus endow'd: But more divinely bless'd are those, On whom the all-sufficient God, limself, with all his grace bestows.

## LESSON VIII.

Triple Time in Pointed Notes.


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Second Variety.
Plattsburg, L. M.
 ${ }_{\text {Great }}^{\text {r, }}$ Sun of ${ }^{r,} \quad$ righteous...ness a-rise, Bless the dark
2d Treble.




> Parma, C. M.

Italian.
Air and 2 d Treble.




Third Variety.
Sacrament, A Hymn.
H. Sacra.

Air.


The phrase which in the foregoing piece is thus written-

would stand in the 2 d and 1st varieties, as follows:-


## LESSON IX.

## Compound Time.

A single passage of Melody, may be written in all the different Varieties of Triple and Compound Time, without undergoing any material change of character, except in its appearance to the eye. See page $13 t h$.

A section of Melody in Triple Time.


The same in Compound Time.



Keene，C．M．
Dr．Arnold．
Air，and 2 d Treble．Moderato．

 tend，Make good to me the ward，on which，Thy servant＇s hopes de－ ＝00＝0に

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Second Variety.
The following example, taken from Giardini's Cambridge, may be performed slow with six beats in a measure, until the melody becomes familiar, and then by quickening the movement, the measures will require but two beats.


In the following and similar passages, the general character of the movement is determined either by the subject of the words sung, or by the terms Presto, Allegro, Ec.


Handel's Il'Allegro.

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Listen how the hounds and horn, Cheer - ly roase the slumb' - ring morn.


## Presto.

Sy.


In such passages as the following, the principal accent, instead of being confined to the first part of the measure, is required at every downward motion of the hand; for otherwise the words could not have their required character.

Christmas.
H. Sacra.


For a similar reason, the accent in ancient psalmody occasionally falls on the last part of the measure. See Wirksworth, Durhan, Erc. in the M. Sacra. A similar variation of the accent is often observed in fuge and Canon.

Theorists express themselves somewhat differently with respect to time and accent; but this arises, not so much from any real difference in style amongst distinguished performers, as from the fact that no rules have yet been given that are found to be of universal application.

## LESSON X.

Triplets, Marks of Distinction, the Pause, Cadenza, Syncopation, \&c.
When any three notes are to be performed, as explained in Chapter III, article Figure Three ; they should be treated as if written in Compound Time, each three notes requiring, in general, a single beat: such groups of notes are called Triplets.

Litchfield.
Madan.



In passages like the following, the triplet requires but half a beat.
Mansfield.
Dr. Burney.
(Q)
(Q)


For the manner of performance required in the following examples, see Marks of Distinction, at page 9th, of the Rudiments.


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Some authors occasionally use the dot instead of the dash, as a mark of distinction. But the effect of a dot, when thus employed, is considerably less than that of the dash. A remarkable passage of this kind occurs in Dr. Boyce's Solomon.

## Boyen's Solomon.



The Pause is often used merely to mark the end of a line of poetry, or the close of a musical section or period: but in the following, and similar passages, it requires a prolongation of the note or rest, and a gradual swelling and diminishing of voice.

Cambridge.
Giardini.


Dusstan.
Madan.


When the Pause is placed over a syllable, which cannot with propriety be prolonged, as in the following example, at the word 'victory,' it requires a mere sushension of voice.


The Cadenza, seldom occurs in vocal music, except in that of the Dramatic style. It is never to be attempted, but by singers of the first rate abilities. It may in ger:eral be distinguished from the ordinary pause, by its situation as described in Chapter III ; but it is sometimes found farther back from the close, as in the following example.


The manner of performance required in passages of Syncopation, may be sufficiently understood from the following examples, See Chapter V.


As the pointed quavers in the first strain of the following piece are Syncopated, they require the accent.

## Oundell, A Hymn.

H. Sacra.

days be - low; Hal - le - . . - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

2. Waiting to receive thy spirit, Lo, the Savior stands above ; Shows the purchase of His merit, Reaches out the crown of love.
3. For the joy, He sets before thee, Bear a momentary pain; Die, to live the life of glory, Suffer, with thy Lord to reign.

In the following piece, the Minim in the second measure of the 2d Treble, and tenth of the Air, is Syncopated.

## Redemption, L. M.

T. Hastings.

Air and 2 d Treble.


All glorious God what hymns of praise, Shall our trans-

view. While Heavn, \&ce.


## LESSON XI.

Appoggiatures and After-Notes.
In the following Lesson, this character, $\sim$ exhibits in common notes, the marner of performance required in the passage which immediately succeeds it. See page 15. The Ahhoggiature generally requires the accent, but the After-Note is al: ways unaccented.

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## Appoggiatures.





The Appoggiature before a pointed note.



The nature of the Appoggiature may be further understood from the following example of the same Melody in different Varieties of time.


After-Notes.



Ferns, C. M.
Lord Mornington.
Air.




Yo doubt - ing souls dis-

 miss your fears，Hope smiles re－．．vi ．ving
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Sheldon，C．M．


Tenor．

reign－Where love in ．－spires the breast！． בथ二二e＝


## Winwick, A Hymn.

Madan.



## LESSON XII.

## Recitatives-Chants-Rondeau-Fugue-Canon-Anthem.

Reeitatives are compositions set for a single voice, in a style resembling speaking. Being calculated for the purpose of narration, they are principally confined to dramatic pieces. Recitatives are of two kinds ;-those which admit of interludes, and other instrumental passages, and those which have no other than a Base accompaniment. Great liberties are taken with this latter species, in respect to time: for though. for the purpose of accent, the music is written in regular measures, the performer is expected to be governed in a great degree by his own taste and feelings ; and the agcompanier is to be entirely subordinate to him. This circumstance renders the performance of Recitative so difficult, that few, even among professed musicians, are found to do justice to it.

The following specimen is selected from Doct. Boyce's Solomon.

fumes, While zephyrs o'er his garments play, And sweets thro' all the land con - vey.


Of such Chants as are in common use, the following may be deemed a sufficient specimen.

The pitch is taken by the choir or congregation from the first note of the staff: and in that same pitch, a portion of the sentance is sung, in a manner somewhat similar to that required in Recitative, reserving a certain number of the last syllables of such portion for the following phrase of the music. The Time and Accent are left to the discretion of the performer who is to be governed almostentirely by the Accent, Emphasis, Pauses, \&c. that would be required in readling.

Benedic Anima Meas.
1 st and 2 d Trebles, and Alto.

## R. Taylor.


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1 Praise the Lord
O my soul,
2 Praise the Lord O my soul,
3 Who forgiveth
4 Who saveth thy life
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6 Ye that fulfil
7 O praise the Lord, all
80 speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of Glory be to the Father, and
As it was in the beginning, is now, and
all thy sins, from de- struction, praise the Lord, his com- mandment, ye his hosts, his do- minion, to the Son, eve - er shall be,


The manner of performance required in chanting, may be better understood from the following example.
Air.

The Rondeau is a composition, generally consisting of three strains, the first of which is repeated at the termination of each of the other strains.

## Rondeau.

## Giardini.



Fuge, or Fugue, is a species of composition in which a passage of Melody is successively repeated or imitated in two or more different parts.


+ The note-D, is for 2 d Treble.

When a composition of two or more parts is so constructed, as to form a perpetual fuge, it is called a Canon. The most celebrated of this species is the Non Nobis, of Bird.

1st Treble,








The 2d Treble, in the above Canon, has the same melody with the 1st Treble transposed to the key of D , as any one may perceive by removing the $M i$ to C . observing to flatten the note Mi which would occur in the second section. The Base has also the same melody, two octaves lower than the first treble. The regularity of the harmony is produced by the constant moving of the parts in Fuge.

The Anthem is a species of composition, consisting of one, two, three or more parts, set to sacred prose.

## Funeral Anthem.

T. Hastings.


CHORLS. Adagin. 1st Treble.


Blessed are the dead, Blessed, \&c. Blessed, \&c.


who die in the Lord who die, \&e.


| st, | even so saith the |
| :--- | :--- |
| spirit, for they | fest, |




Pia.


## LESSON XIII.

## Chromatic Intervals.

Thus far, in arranging the Practical Lessons, the most difficult Chromatic intervals have been purposely avoided: But they may here be attempted in the following manner*.

The following example is principally in the key of $\mathbf{G}$ major. By removing the $m i$ to $\mathbf{F}$, the $\mathbf{F}$ may be treated as an oceasional change of Signature-(See Chap. II, page 8.) But when the melody by this means beomes familiar, the mi may be restored to B , and the syllable at $\mathrm{F}+\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{t}}$ be changed into $f$.

## Example I.



Mi in F. law, fâw $m i$, faw, law, $m i$, faw, law, $m i$, faw, sol, law, faw, faw, $m i$, faw, Mi in B. mi, sol, $f_{0}$ sol, mi, $f$, sol, mi, $f$, sol, law, mi, faw, sol, $f$, sol,
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When both methods of solmization shall have been applied to the foregoing example with entire success, the student may proceed with the following.
As the $\mathbf{F} \#$ cannot here be added to the signature, (see p. 20,) the passage is in $\mathbf{G}$ minor, and the Mi can only be given to $\mathbf{A}$.

## Example II.



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## Example III.

Here the key is $\boldsymbol{E} \mathbf{b}$ Major, when $\mathcal{A} \mathrm{b}$ prevails: but where it is removed by the natural, the key is $B$ b


Mii in D. Mi in A. faw, $m$, faw, faw, faw, $m i$, faw, faw, $m i$, faw, faw, faw, $m i$, faw, $m i$, faw.

In the following piece, the accidentals may be performed either with the syllables as they are marked, or (if necessary for the convenience of practice) with the mi removed, to $B$, at the third and seventh braces.

## Dalston.

C. Lockhart.


Worms attempt to
chant thy name,
Hal . . - le . . lu - jah.


2. Thee to laud, in songs dirine, Angels and archangels join ; We with them our voices raise, Echoing thine almighty praise;

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, Live, by heav'n and earth ador'd Full of thee, they ever cry, "Glory be to God on high."

The music contained in the first brace of the foregoing piece, is in the key of $F$ major.
At (a) in the second brace, there is a transient modulation to the key of $B$ bajor: but as the air contains $E t$ at the commencement of the next measure, it is evident that the puincipal key is again restored.

At (b), another modulation is made to the key of $\boldsymbol{C}$ major, which continues only through the measure, where $F$ major is again restored.

A modulation, less transieit, occurs in the next brace, where the mquaic, excepting that set to the word " proclaim," is in the key of C major.

The fourth irrace is in $F$ major, the principal key: but as in the fifth and sixth braces, a $C$ oc curs that can not be added to the signature; the music there is evidently in the relative key of $D: m i$ nor.
At the seventh brace, the music is known to be in the key of $\mathscr{A}$ minor, hecause $F b$ is removed, and $G$, which cannot alone constitute a signature, is the accidenta! si required in that key. The D* that here occurs in the base, was added merely to improve the cadence.

At the commencement of the last brace, $B$ and $E b$ are found in the harmony, as well as $F$ 并 which, though marked with the syllable $f$, is in reality the accidental si required in $\boldsymbol{G}$ minor. Ft occurs again at the close of the measure, and the principal key continues thence to the eud of the piece. See remarka and examples at pages 18 and 19.

As several of the above and similar passages may appear obscure at first view; the singer, though considerably versed in modulation, will not be likely to know when or where to remove the $m i$, without stopping to examine the harmony: but if he successfully applies the syllables $f$, si, faqv, שic. withont removing the mi, the difficulty of intonation will be readily obviated. Most modulations, excepting those that are very abrupt or of long contınuance, may be easily managed by any one versed in solmization, without removing the mi: but the learner should avail himself of both these methods of procedure, and when the change of key is not altogether transient he will derive much advantage from practising both in the same passages of melody.

The following pieces may at first be performed with such changes of the $m i$ as are marked ; but should afterwards be practised in the other method of solmization.
N. B. A change of key in any one of the parts, is always understood to affect the rest, which often contain chords, that are called "doublful," i e. such as are common to two related keys. This is the case in the first section of the following piece. The last section does not contain the Et till nearly at the close. If the singer neglects to change the mi in such cases, until the change of key becomes more palpable, the purposts of solmization will be equally well secured.

## Exeter, C. M.

Nis in $\mathcal{A}$
Ravenscroft.


* The note C, is for the second Treble.

German, L. M.


Let me with light and truth be bless'd, Be these my (2) Mi G. Mi in $\mathbf{D}$.




Bromley, L. M.
Dr. Haydn.
1st and 2d Trebles.


[^9]
## MUSICAL READER.



Psalm 57th, L. M.
Theophania Cecil.


In the following examples, the modulations are of so transient a nature that the $m \dot{i}$ cannot be advantageously changed.

[^10]
## St. Catharine Cree.

C. Lockhart.


Song in Sampson.
Handel.


Sun, moon and stars are dark to me, Sun, moon and stars Sun, moon and stars are


Haydn's Creation.


## MUSICAL READER.



Several of the modulations in the following examples, are so unnatural and abrupt that a change of the $m i$ becomes indispensably necessary.


Bath.
Bb Minor.
Madan.



Handel.
D Minor.


[^11]
## PRACTICAL LESŚs



Haydn's Creation.
A Major.
F Minor.


Sym. A Minor.
beams,


E Major.


* This sharp having the nature of an accidental was liable to be neglected, though it had not been removed from the origina! signature. See remarks on accidentals at page 7 th.
+Here a chromatic symphony introduees the new key, which weuld otherwise be too difficult a modulation for the veice.
law, law, faw, law, faw; Af - frighted fled hell's spirits black, in throngs.

Down they sink in the deep of a-


- CONCLUSION.

From the foregoirg Pudiments and Practical Lessons, it will be seen that regular time, judicious accent and correct intonation aro indispensable regnisites to good singing.
The principal reason why choirs of singers are so generally deficiont in time, is either that they have not been suffieiently practiced in beating, or (what is more probably the fact) that the individuals composing a choir have not beell accustomed to one uniform method of beating. Singers should be required to beat time in the most carefuland accurate manrer, until a habit of keeping it has become fully established. A rapid motion and sudden stop with the hand, which mark two erfual half-beats, will generally be fond most convenient.
A ceent is of great inportance in mיsic. It assists the performer in keeping time, and the auditor in comprehending it; and, in rocal music, it converts an otherwise, vinmeaning succ ssion of syllables in a regular languare. Learners should finst be made to aecent their music with energy and precifion, according to the general rules, and afterwards be taught the necessary deriations and exceptions.

Correct intonation is a thing of difficult attainment. The generality of singers are deficient with respect to Diatonic as well as Chromatic intervals. The lazv, fazv, and , nii, which occur in the Sd , 4 th and 7 th deprees of the Major scale, and the fuw, wherever it occurs in the Minor, are almost universally tuned too high. - A habit of corrcet intonation, cannot be speedily acnuired, under any management. An association of ideas must be carefully and perfectly formed between the intervils of the Diatonic Scale, and the syllables emploved in Snimization; and then, by changing the mi, altering the names of the syllables, dec this association can be suceessfuly applied to the reading of Chrometic rausic; and the progress of the student will be in proportion as this association of ifteas izmore or less perfectly forincd, aurl patiently and judiciously applied.
But atter all: a performance thatis otherwise excellent, will cften lose most of its intended effect, from a want of articulation and expression. For what can it avail the auditors that words are sung, raless the can be distinctly heard? Or how is the subject sung to make a due impression on the Inarers if the words are uttered in a careless, and unfeeling manner.
It may ie useful here to remark, that the vowel sounds, only, are sung, while the consonants are articulated; and that, thoush the rowels may be a little modified, to improre the music, the conso mets can never be reindered audible, unless articulated with the utimost distinctiness and precision.



[^0]:    * For the Orthography of the words Staff, Clef, Base, \&c. see Rees' Cyclopacdia, and Calcott'n Musical Grammar.

[^1]:    * By the term Natura', is to be understood such notes as are not affected by Flats or Shargs.

[^2]:    * This term is apphed to such a series of sounds ivith respect to tones and semitones as is to be found in a seale of natural notes.
    †A Score is the union of different Staves by the Brace, such as Base, Tenor, Treble or Counter Stafi..

[^3]:    * This rale, however, (owing principally to the negligence of composers and publishers,) is not of tiniversal application.

[^4]:    * Sce marginal note at page 7 h .

[^5]:    One of the greatest obstacles to a correct vocal performance, is false intonation. Teachers of Musie ought to explain to their pupils, the difference between tones and Semitones, Major and Minor Seales, \&c. and bestow the strictest attention to the business of tuning and forming their voices. Nor dhould this be deferred till atter the rudiments are acquired: for much may be done by singing, and proposing for the pupils' imitation, such phrases of Melody' as they will be likely to meet with, is their Inture progress.

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[^7]:    ian's shall ransoin'd be, from death, By Jesus' last ex .. pi - ring breath.

[^8]:    * Before the student proceeds with this lesson, it may be necessary for him to review the examples at page 21. For the less difficult intervals should be rendered familiar, before those that are more so, can be attempted with any prospect of success.

[^9]:    A minor.

    * As this note in the 2d Treble is the required $s i$, in A minor, it has not been depressed by a natural.

    TThis ehary is added, to improve the cadence.

[^10]:    - This and the following note are in $\boldsymbol{D}$ major.

[^11]:    * Eh is not found here because no note occurs on the letten E : but F \# which occurs in the signa ture is not removed, and of course the key is $\boldsymbol{G}$ minor.
    + This note is called $f$ because $D \mathrm{~b}$ balongs to the signature of the key of $B \mathrm{~b}$ minor ( mi , in C .) The Atr which occurs in the base and afterwards in the air, determines the key of the passage.

